2007 Minimum Weed Abatement Standards:

- a) Parcels five acres or less in size:

 Maintain all weeds at a height of no more than 3 inches. Weeds and grasses must be disced, (see "Discing Quality" below), mowed, with material mulched, or raked and bagged, and removed from the property. Parcels may require additional abatement during the season due to the regrowth of weeds and other flammable vegetation
- b) Parcels greater than five acres in size:
 Shall be provided with 60-foot fuelbreaks and 30-foot crossbreaks, (see "h" and "i" below).
 Crossbreaks should divide the parcel into approximately 5-acre sections. Fencelines may require handmowing/weedeating to ensure completion of fuelbreak. When terrain is too steep or rugged for a tractor, a handmowed fuelbreak may be required.
- c) Fuelbreaks along roadways are required as part of the property line. Road right-of-ways shall be cleared for a minimum of 10 feet from the edge of black top and 13'6" vertically.
- d) Active pastureland shall be provided with **30-foot wide fuelbreaks and crossbreaks** if a sufficient number of animals are present to steadily reduce height of grass during the summer months to 3 inches or less by the end of September. If not active, a **60-foot width** is required for both fuelbreaks and crossbreaks.
- e) Active cropland shall be provided with **30-foot fuelbreaks** or crossbreaks if the crop is to be harvested by mid-June. If later harvest, a **60-foot width** is required.
- f) Orchards are to be maintained by complete abatement, including grass under the tree branches. This may require pruning of lower branches to allow equipment access.
- g) Tree litter (eucalyptus leaves and bark, coniferous needles, etc.) shall be removed from the base of trees, tree stems, and limbs within 10' of the ground and maintained throughout the fire season.
- h) 60-foot fuelbreaks must be around all structures, combustible storage, trees, shrubs and brush, along all ridges, each side of all roads, fencelines, ditches and creeks. Fuelbreaks and crossbreaks are a continuous strip of disced or dozed ground following as closely as possible to the property line, and along one side of all fencelines, ditches, and on top of all ridges. Remove from the property all rubble, junk, piles of dirt, etc., which would obstruct or impede vehicles and equipment used for abatement work or fire suppression.
- i) Mowed fuelbreaks are required to be 60 feet wide and crossbreaks 40 feet wide due to ability of fire to cross remaining surface material.

DISCING QUALITY:

All discing work, including fuelbreaks, shall be completed so that all weeds, grass, crops or other vegetation or organic material, which could be expected to burn, shall be completely removed or turned under so there is insufficient fuel to sustain or allow the spread of fire.

Certain properties may require additional or more stringent abatement because of special problems of terrain, growth, location, land use, or fire history of the property.